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Conestoga No. 1 again

By Laura Czekaj

Conestoga College has retained its No. 1 status in the Key Performance Indicators survey, according to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

However, this year Conestoga shares the No. 1 ranking with Confederation College in Thunder Bay.

Even though Conestoga placed No. 1 overall, it did not place first in any of the four surveys - graduate employment rate, graduate satisfaction, employer satisfaction and student satisfaction.

The annual independent surveys of Ontario's 25 community colleges are conducted to establish accountability and excellence benchmarks called key performance indicators. The surveys consist of 95 mutual and five college-specific questions regarding programs, faculty

But shares ranking with Confederation College

services and facilities.

The surveys conducted in February surveyed students, graduates and employers.

Results from the survey show that Conestoga remains in the top tier of colleges, tying for first with Confederation College, with both achieving an 85.50 average. Loyalist College in Belleville came in third with an 85.25 average and Durham College in Simcoe with an 85 average.

Conestoga achieved 91 per cent graduate employment, the second consecutive year of performance above 90 per cent. On the graduate satisfaction survey 84 per cent of respondents were "very satisfied/satisfied" which marks an eight per

cent increase from last year.

Employer satisfaction rose by 12 per cent from last year, showing 90 per cent of Conestoga employers responded "very satisfied/satisfied." In student satisfaction 77 per cent of respondents said they were "very satisfied/satisfied," which is consistent with last year's results.

Conestoga also ranked No. 1 in the areas of quality of services (75 per cent) and quality of facilities and resources (78 per cent).

Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance and administration operations, said in an interview the college is very happy with the results of the survey.

"We are happy with the statistics compared to last year," he said.

Results from the survey indicate that colleges improved on a whole compared to last year's rankings. Mullan said there are a number of reasons why this happened.

"Colleges have improved with data from last year's survey," he said. "Graduate satisfaction and employer satisfaction has improved possibly because employers are more comfortable with the survey the second time around."

Conestoga president John Tibbits said in an April 5 press release, "I am pleased with the results. I note that the rankings of the top colleges are much closer than last year, which is positive for the entire system and the students we serve."

The next step for the college, according to Mullan, is to analyze the results of the survey to determine the areas where students want the college to improve. He said this will be done by analyzing the surveys according to semester, program and question.



Conestoga College president John Tibbits presents the DSA with a plaque for their contribution to the technology in-fill wing. The DSA donated \$84,000 to the addition.

(Photo by Mike Radatus)

DSA recognized for donation

By Mike Radatus

Conestoga College president John Tibbits presented the DSA with a plaque for their grant to the technology wing in-fill addition March 29.

The DSA donated \$84,000 to the college, which was broken down into two instalments, \$42,000 this year and \$42,000 next year.

The expansion, which opened in August 1999, consists of additional classroom space, an enlargement of the metal machining training facilities and a reconfiguration of existing space to provide for an enlargement and enhancement of computer labs.

DSA president Ellen Menage said the DSA wanted to donate the

money because it was for a project that would help the students of Conestoga College.

"If the community donates money to the college for improvement, as students, we should donate money to the college as well," said Menage.

The total cost of the in-fill addition was \$3.9 million. The province funded \$3.6 million leaving a shortfall of \$300,000.

Conestoga College requested the DSA match the college's investment, dollar for dollar, up to the anticipated shortfall of the provincial funding. This resulted in the college asking for \$150,000, or an amount the DSA would deem appropriate.

The DSA receives such requests

for grants each year. For example, the broadcasting program requested \$30,000 for a DJ booth this year.

The college's request for a grant from the DSA stated that in 1998-99 it had an application rate for programs that exceeded six applications for each available seat in a program.

The need for funding is a result of employer demand in high-demand programs that far exceeds the college's current ability to produce a significant number of graduates.

The population growth in the Waterloo region will also increase demand by students for programming at the college, said the application.

DSA set to change their name to CSI

By Mike Radatus

The Doon Student Association has decided to change its name in an attempt to better serve students of all Conestoga College campuses.

The board of directors voted to change the DSA's name to Conestoga Students Incorporated (CSI) on March 29.

DSA president Ellen Menage said the DSA wanted to put Conestoga in the new name in order to show that the DSA is focused on serving students of all campuses.

The DSA chose Conestoga Students Incorporated over Conestoga Student Association, Federation of Conestoga Students and Conestoga Federation of Students.

It will cost the DSA between \$300 and \$400 to design a new logo to go with the new name.

The board also decided to rework the budget to include replacing items that have a DSA logo with items with the new CSI logo.

The old items will be given as prizes or auctioned off to students.

Menage said the DSA will start using the new name May 1.

Students' voice stifled by Star

The Toronto Star has invaded Wilfrid Laurier University and, as a result, the student newspaper's future is in jeopardy.

WLU's newspaper, the Cord, is at risk because the university is negotiating a deal with the Star, permitting the Star to distribute free newspapers on campus on a daily basis.

Student newspapers are enraged at the Star's intrusion into the realm of university campuses and they should be because the monstrous daily is taking readers from student papers in order to boost its own circulation rates.

WLU management are allowing themselves to be blinded by the Star's importance and as a result they are failing to protect the resources located on their own campus, namely the student newspaper.

Dr. Bob Rosehart, WLU president, said during a recent interview that there is an academic benefit to having the Star on campus and that it is not a threat to the student newspaper.

Sarah Schiefer, editor-in-chief of the Cord, says the president doesn't appreciate the fact that the Star's presence will harm the student paper.

The Cord fears that the Star's presence on campus will cause a drop in circulation and a possible loss of advertising revenues should the Star print split-run issues, issues that include campus information for Ontario universities.

Student newspapers are the manifestation of the students' voice. They can inform students of entertainment and upcoming events, but they also let students express their concerns about everything from tuition to housing to food in the cafeteria.

The Star may have its finger on the pulse of the nation, but they could never effectively express the students' voice, as a paper written by students can.

The original contract between the school and the Star was dated Dec. 8, 1999 and was negotiated by the advertising and sponsorship committee that is composed of faculty and student representatives. However, the students on the committee from student publications were not involved nor were they made aware of meetings with the Star. The student paper was only made aware of the deal on March 15, according to Schiefer.

"I'm appalled at the university and the students' union," she said. "I'm disheartened to think that we aren't being garnered the respect we deserve, especially leaving us out of the loop."

Although the Cord receives supplements from the student union, the newspaper is in the process of turning to outside advertising to provide all revenue.

Their fears are well founded, according to Yaron Blanc, editor-in-chief of Excalibur, York University's newspaper.

Blanc said the Star has been giving away newspapers at York since September where the student newspaper was also excluded from negotiations with the Star. Excalibur, which is the primary student paper out of the 12 papers on campus, is waiting to see how the Star's presence will affect Excalibur's circulation rates.

Blanc added that the Star's racks give them an unfair advantage.

"They come on campus with these huge, monster, big blue racks and for the students it's more accessible, but for us we kind of get lost in the shuffle," he said. "They were using York as a springboard and if they were successful here they were going to go all over."

Excalibur staff has looked into possible legal angles with results pending. They are also attempting to purchase big racks to entice the students to pick up their paper.

Excalibur and the Cord aren't alone in their fight; Ryerson Polytechnic University has battled the Star in the past and won, for the moment.

Liane McLarty, general manager of the Eyeopener, one of Ryerson's student papers, said the Star attempted to distribute on campus in August last year, but they were thwarted by a clause in Ryerson's student government constitution. The clause says only campus papers and other approved papers are allowed to be distributed for free on campus.

She added that administration is currently in the process of amending the clause and that the Eyeopener staff believes the Star will surface on campus by next fall.

The Eyeopener is mainly funded by advertising and the concern is that advertising revenue will dry up.

Numerous attempts to contact the Star concerning their presence at WLU were made, but none of the calls was returned.

The Star's ambitious attempt to steal advertisers and circulation from Ontario's university newspapers is appalling. If the student newspaper dies, students' will be without a vehicle in which to express their opinions and concerns.

It may be only a matter of time before all student newspapers are fighting for their lives and if the Star succeeds in its takeover, the students will be the ones that suffer.



Goon squad let loose

Tough guys rule NHL with brute force and quick feet

As barbaric as it may sound, the goons are a valuable part of any hockey team, especially as the Stanley Cup playoffs approach.

Goons who can elevate their play to a level above just fighting, through fierce checking in the corners to drawing retaliatory penalties against the other team's heavy-weight, can become just as valuable as the team's superstar.

A prime example of a goon elevating his play is Tie Domi.

Domi has worked on his skating over the past few seasons to develop into one of the Toronto Maple Leafs' faster skaters, a skill which has led to numerous penalties being called against Leaf opponents because Domi has learned to keep his feet moving all the time.

My Leaf bias aside, the biggest surprise this year may be the play

of rugged Washington Capitals left-winger Chris Simon who is on pace for a 30-goal season. He had 29 goals as of April 2 with three games to go in the season. His previous season high was but 16.

In addition to being the Caps' leading goal scorer, currently more of a threat than perennial all-star Peter Bondra, Simon is the team's tough guy, amassing close to 150 penalty minutes.

This dual role is one of the main reasons the Caps are leading their division and are second in the league.

Tough guys have seen their role in the game change over the past few years due to rule changes regarding the instigator rule. The instigator rule states that any player initiating a fight is subject to immediate ejection from the game.

Facing such stiff rules, NHL tough guys have had to step up their games like Domi and Simon have.

The instigator rule has been

fiercely debated because it leaves teams unable to police themselves. There has to be an on-ice detractor to make players think twice about taking liberties on star players, such as the late-season mugging of star right-winger Jaromir Jagr of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Star players have always had their "guardian angels."

During Wayne Gretzky's heyday with the Edmonton Oilers, in the early 80s, prior to the NHL's instigator rule, his protection came in the form of Dave Semenko, a monstrous defenceman who could barely skate.

The intimidation factor was enormous, however. Semenko was one of the toughest guys in the league in those days.

But he'd never make it in the league today due to his one-dimensional game.

I guarantee you that the winner of the Stanley Cup in early June will have at least one partially skilled goon on the squad.

Go Leafs!



Ray Bowe

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Life skills learned at mock criminal trial

By Donna Ryves

Two trials and a coroner's inquest are being staged by the college's law and security administration/police foundations program.

The trials and inquest are follow-up exercises to a mock motorcycle accident held on campus Feb. 15.

The criminal trial held on April 4 started at 10 a.m. and ran until 3 p.m., with a break for lunch.

Trial issues were narrowed so the trial length was shorter than real life.

Both the coroner's inquest and civil trial will be held on April 11. The inquest will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the trial will start at 1 p.m. and run until 4 p.m.

Participants in the criminal trial included five resource lawyers. Three aided in criminal consultation and two aided in civil matters.

Heather Main, a part-time faculty member in LASA/police foundations and a lawyer who is practising civil litigation, acted as a resource person for the exercise.

Main assisted with the initial planning and organization of the trial.

"The point of the criminal trial is not to test the students' knowledge of law, nor is it to teach them law," Main said.

"We are teaching them the process of how the different skills they have been learning in their courses are used in various roles."

Other roles were played by students.

The Crown attorney was played by Rebecca Dougherty, a second-year LASA/police foundations student. Sarah Pooley, a second-year LASA/police foundations student, played the criminal defence lawyer and Amy Reilly, a second-year LASA/police foundations student,

was the assistant Crown attorney.

Other roles included jury members, clerks, bailiffs, constables, civil defendant and plaintiff lawyers and insurance investigators.

Journalism and paramedic students and employees at the Roost were potential witnesses because of their involvement in the mock accident.

Kerry Druar, a second-year LASA/police foundations student, played the person charged.

Druar was the driver of the motorcycle in the mock accident and was charged with "criminal negligence causing death." His breathalyser test blew over the legal limit for intoxication.

In real life, the minimum penalty for impaired driving is a one-year minimum driving prohibition and/or a minimum \$300 fine.

Impaired driving causing death would result in a prison sentence of 14 years maximum. Criminal negligence causing death would earn any amount of driving prohibition and/or life imprisonment.

The exercise not only teaches students how the process of their job works, but also improves the program by finding out where the holes are, Main said.

"There are things that can't be taught in a classroom," Main said. "The students are learning real-life skills."

During this exercise the students are encountering people who aren't co-operative, which is a real-life attitude, Main said.

"They are learning a whole lot individually and as a group," she added.

In preparation for the trial, LASA/police foundations students prepared reports and interviewed witnesses.

Students who played insurance investigators had to prepare background reports for liability issues.


Human knot !?!



First-year law and security students form a human knot in the hallway during a presentation on working together on March 31.
(Photo by Laura Czekaj)

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Local 238 presents contract demands

By Donna Ryves

Members of Local 238 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, which represents Conestoga College's support staff, attended a conference in Toronto to present demands for a new contract on March 4 and 5.

The agenda included prioritizing demands and electing members for the bargaining team.

OPSEU represents about 15,000 academic and support staff working for Ontario's Community Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT).

The union is in the process of negotiating a province-wide agreement for support staff with the Council of Regents, representing the management of the colleges.

Ann Wallace, president of the union local at Conestoga, was one of seven members elected to sit on the bargaining team. The other six members elected came from George Brown, Fanshawe, Sir Sanford Fleming, Seneca, Confederation and Cambrian colleges.

"We got a good balance of people to represent us," said Ruth Jensen, a union steward with the Conestoga local, who also attended the conference. "We got the get-in-your-face type to bargain for us and the reasonable type as well."

The bargaining team will meet in April to prepare demands which will be proposed in May. The current contract runs out at the end of August.

Top issues for staff include wages, benefits, job security, vacation and education, said Dan

Randall, vice-president of the support staff union local at Conestoga.

"The biggest issue for everyone is an increase in wage percentage," Randall said.

Under the current contract for support staff, the hourly pay range starts at \$13.14 and goes to \$25.81.

The Conestoga local is asking for a minimum three to eight per cent pay increase. However, other locals may bargain for a higher percentage.

"The biggest issue for everyone is an increase in wage percentage."

*Dan Randall,
vice-president of the
support staff union at
Conestoga College*

Other demands include improved dental and medical benefits for members and retirees.

The demands also include language in the layoff article, Jensen said.

"This is not a huge concern at Conestoga, but affects the colleges up north," she said.

Local 238 is also seeking to increase the number of vacation days. Currently, a person with one to six years experience receives 15 vacation days while a person with 20 years receives 27.

Education and training is also a priority. Employees are also asking to receive training and retraining and for reduced rates for family members who take part-time college courses. They are also asking that books and supplies be paid for.

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Dan Valkos tells the future of Nicole Waugh, a fourth-semester LASA/Police Foundations student, during free psychic readings held in the Sanctuary on March 30.

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Career fair 2000 at college

The Cambridge Chamber of Commerce held its 2000 Career Fair at Conestoga College on March 29.

The event, which took place in the recreation centre, featured many exhibitors including the Association of Professional Engineers, Cambridge Ambulance Service and Conestoga College nursing, robotics and post-secondary education programs.

The fair gave students from elementary and secondary schools the chance to enquire about career opportunities.

About 2,000 students from the Cambridge area were in attendance. Some of the schools that participated were Preston high school and St. Joseph elementary.

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Tips on studying for exams

By Laura Czekaj

Shawna Bernard, a learning skills adviser at Conestoga College, wants to let students in on a secret. "Start studying now," she says.

With exam week coming up April 24 to 28, Bernard said studying now guarantees better results than cramming the night before.

"Students can leave it to the last minute," she said, "but cramming is inefficient. The brain can't handle that much."

Bernard is conducting workshops that focus on studying on April 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on April 12 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The workshops are presented by student services.

She said one of the things she addresses in her workshops is steps to achieving effective study habits.

The first step is to know what to expect.

She suggests preparing early for exams by attending tutorials, asking the instructor for help or asking students who have previously taken the course for advice.

Old tests are also available as a study tool in some courses and another method is for students to get together in study groups.

The second step in achieving good study habits is to plan.

If students have poor study skills,

"Prioritize according to what is most important."

Shawna Bernard, learning skills adviser

Bernard said, they can get help from student services.

She said students can book an appointment with a counsellor to be assessed, then get a referral to a learning skills adviser who will coach the student.

Handouts that deal with study

skills are also available from student services.

Another form of planning ahead for a test is to take care of basic needs like sleep, exercise, eating well and avoiding caffeine, said Bernard.

She adds that time management is very important when it comes to studying.

"You have to create a schedule for yourself," she said. "You should prioritize according to what is most important."

The final step is to make the review an active learning procedure.

Bernard emphasized the need to plan ahead for an exam by using the resources that are available to students through the learning resource centre and student services.

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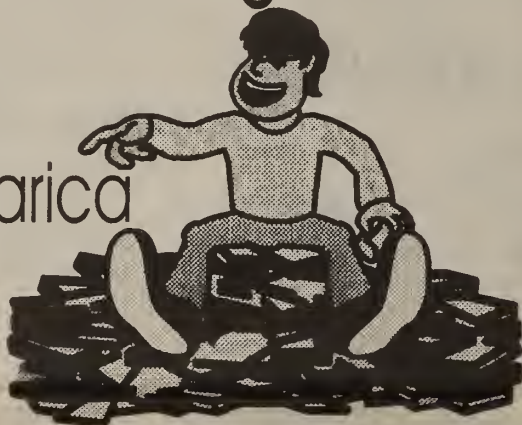


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Efforts of peer hosts and tutors appreciated

By Laura Czekaj

Conestoga College's student services will be paying tribute to peer tutors and peer hosts during Peer Appreciation Week, April 3-7.

The week is dedicated to recognizing the contribution made by student volunteers, said Melissa Turner, peer services administrator.

"It's a way for the college to thank them," she said. "It recognizes how important it is for students to help students."

Approximately 100 paid tutors will be recognized.

Peer tutors receive \$9.50 per hour for assisting students with their courses in such areas as writing and literacy.

Peer hosts are volunteers who receive no pay. Currently there are eight to 10 hosts in total who provide orientation to students who are either new to the college or new to Canada.

Events being held during the week include student services displays, which will be set up at Door 4 and in the Sanctuary as a way to advertise services and give potential tutors and hosts a chance to apply.

Also, a reception will be held in the blue room cafeteria on April 6 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The reception will feature guest speakers, Kevin Mullan, college vice-president of finance and administration operations, and former students who participated in

student service volunteer programs.

"Students who worked for us will speak on the experience and what it means to peer host," Turner said.

Plaques, certificates and letters of recommendation from faculty, deans and program co-ordinators will be given to the tutors and hosts during the reception.

Peer hosts will be further recognized the following week when National Volunteer Week starts.

Volunteer week, which runs from April 9 to 15, solely focuses on the contributions made by peer hosts to entice new hosts to sign up.

Shawna Bernard, a learning skills adviser with student services, said the purpose behind peer hosting is to provide support and friendship to students from other countries.

"It's an opportunity to practise English and to learn about resources in the college and the area," she said.

Hosts are expected to contact their student at least once a week and each host is given a minimum of one student per semester.

Student services is currently looking for more hosts for September.

Bernard said there were 22 students in need of a host and only eight hosts available this year.

"We would like to have more student volunteers," she said. "It's a great opportunity for students to get volunteer experience for their resumes."

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Entertainment

Snapcase delivers a piercing soundscape

By Ray Bowe

The raw power Snapcase produces at a live show contagiously seeps into the crowd of moshing kids.

The spotlight flashes illuminate the pitch black area as the two guitarists break into an ultra-rocked-out riff to start the show. Coupled with methodical drumming and the iron lungs of the vocalist, it was one of the most intense shows I've ever seen.

The band played at London's Call the Office on March 20 as part of the SnoJam music festival, a \$13 ticket. Other bands on the bill included Los Angeles' Down by Law, a seasoned punk quartet. Mustard Plug instilled horns into their ska-sound with a trumpet and a trombone.

Fresh out on tour promoting their new album *Designs for Automation*, released on Victory Records, Snapcase have moved slightly away from the hardcore sound toward a more hard rock sound.

The guitars of Jon Salemi and Frank Vicario, blaring in sweet synchronicity, provide a piercing soundscape to accompany Daryl Taberski's primal scream.

One of the possible reasons for the new sound may be the addition of new bassist Dustin Perry on this album. Former bassist Bob Whiteside left the band after their last album.

Snapcase, who hail from Buffalo, N.Y., vocally support keeping the scene positive and a straight-edge lifestyle free of

drugs, alcohol and other toxic substances. In addition to being positive role models, their sound is evolving and they are emerging from the hardcore scene as one of the best bands, live or recorded, around right now.

The downside to the new album is its length. Although *Designs for Automation*, the band's third full-length album, boasts 11 tracks, it only clocks in at a mere 30 minutes.

Toronto's Flashlight were maybe the band with the least heavy sound of the night, but still managed to provide a good show with their upbeat and poppy lyrics. Bigwig, a young New Jersey quartet, blasted the crowd with their super-fast dueling guitars.

The opening band Ruth's Hat, a local outfit, were awful not only in sound, but in dress. They donned tacky uniforms, possibly to draw attention away from their songs.

But none of that mattered once Snapcase took to the venue's small stage.

In the darkened room, the band started out with reverberating feedback before beginning its mighty thrashing. The vocalist leapt into the air as the band broke out with *Target*, the premier track on the new album.

Snapcase mixed up its set with songs from all three of their albums, but stuck mostly to newer songs.

The driving onslaught of *Disconnecter* pinnacle with all

five band members rocking out on stage. The singer was nearly gobbled up by the crowd as he held the microphone over top of them so they could scream along.

The swift-footed drumming of Tim Redmond is crisp and it seems he never misses a beat.

Snapcase's 1997 release, *Progression Through Unlearning*, was heralded as one of the best albums of the year. Many saw it as a hard achievement to top. However, the band has responded with the same hard work ethic and dedication to their music.

The band easily equals the hard edge of previous albums and there's no sign of letting up. Expect Snapcase to be making major gains in the future.



Snapcase blasted London's Call the Office March 20, promoting their new album *Designs for Automation*. The band was touring as part of the SnoJam festival. (Photo by Ray Bowe)

Romeo Must Die not very Shakespearean

By Sherri Osment

If a movie packed with fast cars, martial arts and humour is on the agenda, *Romeo Must Die* delivers all this and more.

Two rival gangs have an uneasy truce to make a deal that will be an advantage to both. There are enough examples of uncertain loyalty and outright back-stabbing to keep it interesting.

When one of the gang leader's sons is killed, his brother, Han, played by Jet Li (*Lethal Weapon 4*), makes an unbelievable escape from a Hong Kong prison and travels to California to avenge his brother's death. The other leader's son is killed shortly after.

The first person Han meets is Trish, played by Aaliyah, the beautiful daughter of the other gang leader. The two of them join forces to sort out the tangled events that led to their brothers' deaths. They quickly fall in love.

Of course Trish's father is not happy with his daughter spending her time with Han. The father seems to have a way to find her wherever she is.

With many amazing martial arts fight scenes, a few explosions and car chases, the movie should keep any action lovers on the edge of their seats.

Despite the title there are no love scenes between Han and Trish, but this is a movie worth seeing in the theatre if you're an action fan.

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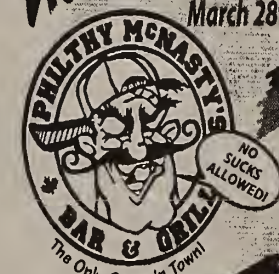
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Super Condors cream Sonics 7-0

By Sherri Osment

The Condors scored a 7-0 win over the Sonics during the Conestoga College women's soccer league quarter-finals on March 27 at the Conestoga College recreation centre.

The Condors scored four times in the first half. The ball was in the Condor's possession for most of the game, but even when the Sonics had the ball they weren't able to score.

The first goal was scored by Jen Pisani-Donga, after Reagan Courtney bounced the ball off the wall beside the Sonics' net.

The second and fourth goals were both scored by Danielle Sirio, while the third and sixth goals were scored by Angela Papazotos.

Diane Jailall scored the fifth goal of the game in the beginning of the second half.

Sirio scored the seventh goal. It was her third of the night.

About midway through the second half there was a collision between Jailall and one of the Sonics. Jailall hurt her knee but was back in the game a few minutes later.

The other player was taken to the hospital. Condors head coach Geoff Johnstone said that the Sonics' player might have a broken ankle.

Johnstone said the Condor's play has been getting better as time goes on.

"The regional games should have been a month later," Johnstone said. The Condors were eliminated at the regional games, which meant they couldn't play in the OCAA championships.



Angela Papazotos of the Condors moves in front of a Sonics player to gain control of the ball during quarter-final action on March 27 at the rec centre. The Condors went on to win 7-0.

(Photo by Sherri Osment)

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is any unwanted act of a sexual nature imposed by one person upon another. One in four Canadian women has been sexually assaulted, while a small percentage of survivors of sexual assault are adult men. Most women live with the fear of becoming the victim of sexual assault.

Most people believe that sexual assault happens in "dangerous" places such as parking lots or dark alleys. However, more than half of all sexual assaults are committed in private homes or by men who are known to the women. Women are less likely to report these assaults or to be believed, although assaults taking place under these circumstances are no less criminal than those committed by strangers.

A sexual assault happens when a man thinks his desires are more important than a woman's are. By using pressure or force, the attacker imposes his wishes, which are more important to him than the woman's right to say no. Some men believe that women say no when they mean yes, or even that women secretly want or deserve to be raped. *This is not true.*

People who commit sexual assaults are responsible for these crimes, not their victims. What a woman wears, where she goes, what she drinks or who she talks to does *not* mean she is inviting sexual assault or giving up her right to say no. These myths blame the victim for the crime, not the offender. Any woman of any age in almost any situation can be sexually attacked. If a woman is sexually assaulted, *it is not her fault.*

If you know someone who has been sexually assaulted, listen to her. Let her know that it was not her fault and that she is not alone. Let her know that help is available through Student Services at the college and in her community, including the following agencies:

Sexual Assault Treatment Centre
Short-term counselling for recent survivors
749-6994

Sexual Assault Support Centre
— Crisis line, counselling support
658-0551

Community Justice Initiatives
— Support groups
744-6549

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